The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) has published a Directory of Rural Technologies (DRT) in three volumes, each containing 100 rural technologies (RTs). Volume I was published in January 2001, Volume II was published in April 2001 and Volume III was published in January 2002.

(c) to (e) After the publication of the Directory, extensive efforts have been made by NIRD to give the publicity to the Directory by, writing to the DRDAs, State Secretaries of Rural Development, Heads of State Institute of Rural Development, Deemed Universities of Rural Development, Directors of S&T Laboratories such as CSIR, ICAR, Agricultural Universities, Non-Governmental Organisations, etc. highlighting the usefulness and importance of the Directory. The message has also been spread through the media by way of book reviews/announcements.

A large number of departments/institutions/individuals have shown keen interest in the Directory and many of them have placed orders for the DRT volume.

Build, operate and maintain water schemes

4489. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural Development Ministry have initiated any programme on 'build, operate and maintain' basis in water schemes;

(b) if so, the 'details thereof;

(c) the number of districts identified for this scheme alongwith the funds made available to them, separately; and

(d) the present status of the scheme with details of the extent of work done and money spent by each of these districts; separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, strategy named 'build, operate and maintain' in drinking water supply schemes has been initiated by the Rural Development Ministry.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.